



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

July 19, 2022

Thomas W. Wilcox
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Washington, DC 20006

Re: Docket No. FD 36616, Savage Tooele Railroad Company – Construction and Operation
Exemption – Line of Railroad in Tooele County, Utah.

Dear Mr. Wilcox:

The Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) is approving your request, under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.10(d), to retain Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) as the independent third-party contractor to assist OEA in preparing the appropriate environmental documentation in this proceeding. Savage Tooele Railroad Company (STR) filed a petition for an exemption from the full requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10901 and the Board's regulations at 49 C.F.R. Part 1150 subparts A and B on June 30, 2022 for construction and operation of approximately eleven miles of new railroad line in Tooele County, Utah. The project described in the petition requests that the Board approve the reinstitution of common carrier freight service over an approximately six-mile segment of a former line, now owned by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and which was fully abandoned by UP's predecessor Western Pacific Railroad Company (WP) in 1983. Reinstitution of the segment would require new railroad line construction in some land parcels. In addition, STR would construct approximately five miles of new railroad line to extend the reinstated railroad line to and into a newly developed industrial park. The approximately eleven miles of new railroad line covered by this project would re-establish the former branch line's connection to UP's Shafter Subdivision at Burmester, Utah. STR would provide common carrier service over the combined UP line and newly constructed track to enable tenants of the industrial park to receive and ship commodities by railroad.

Attached please find a financial disclosure statement that we ask you to forward to VHB to complete. Once the disclosure statement is signed by VHB, we request that VHB send it directly to us. As we discussed with you in our May 6 videoconference, OEA will directly supervise, review, and approve all environmental work done by the third-party contractor for this proceeding.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Andrea Poole of my staff at 202-245-0305.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Danielle Gosselin".

Danielle Gosselin
Director, Office of Environmental Analysis

Enclosure

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DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

On behalf of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB), I certify that VHB has no financial or other interests in the outcome of the prospective petition in Docket No. FD 36616, Savage Tooele Railroad Company – Construction and Operation Exemption – Line of Railroad in Tooele County, Utah.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____